

# **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 14, 2003

Wyndham Hotel, 18118 Pacific Highway South, SeaTac, WA.

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On January 14, 2003, the Board of Physical Therapy met at the Wyndham Hotel, 18118 Pacific Highway South, SeaTac, WA. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Samuel Stockton, PT, Chair  
Shawn Quigley, PT, Vice Chair  
Chuck Martin, PT  
Patricia Van Wagner, PT, ProTem Member

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Kristin Hamilton, Program Manager  
Kris Waidely, Program Manager  
Alan Copsey, AAG, Board Advisor

## **OPEN SESSION**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2003 – 9:05 AM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 Approval of Agenda  
Agenda approved as published.
- 1.2 Approval of Meeting Minutes  
Minutes approved as presented.

### **2. BOARD POLICY REVIEW DISCUSSION**

The Board reviewed current policies and began discussions concerning policies that may need to be revised or updated as follows

Policy 1.1 – change end of first sentence to read "by the last meeting of the calendar year".

Policy 2.4 – delete "and must have attended at least one Federation meeting before becoming a delegate."

Policy 3.2 – correct typographical error in second paragraph of number 2.

Policy 3.3 – Change reference in last paragraph to "Guide to Physical Therapy Practice, Second Edition". NOTE: Re-visit this policy once the rules on educational requirements have been adopted.

Policy 4.2 – This policy will be re-visited after the Board completes its review of evaluators.

Policy 4.4 – This policy will be re-visited when on-line verifications go into effect

Policy 4.5 – change last sentence to read “The Board generally will not accept “D” grades or the equivalent.” NOTE: This policy relates to the proposed rule re: acceptable grades. Consider revising proposed rule language to allow board discretion to review these courses to determine acceptability.

Policy 4.6 – Hold this policy for later discussion.

Policy 4.7 – This policy will be re-visited when proposed rule is adopted. Sections (A) and (B) under 7(b)(i) should be stricken from this policy and from proposed rule language.

Suggested language for TOEFL, TSE, and TWE scores should be "must receive a passing score in accordance with national standards".

Policy 4.8 – strike the word "however" from last paragraph as a scrivener's error.

Policy 5.1 – Rescind this policy.

Policy 5.4 – Re-visit this policy when proposed rule is adopted. Correct typographical errors in footnotes.

Policy 6.2 – Re-visit this policy when proposed rule is adopted. Correct typographical errors in footnotes.

Policy 7.2 – Correct typographical errors in footnotes.

Policy 7.3 – Correct typographical errors in footnotes.

Policy 7.4 – Re-visit this policy when proposed rule is adopted.

Policy 7.9 – Revise policy statement to read, “Copies of Board orders will be sent to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), the Physical Therapy Association of Washington (PTWA), and all other entities required by federal or Washington state law.”

### **3. REVIEW PROCESS FOR APPLICATIONS FROM GRADUATES OF UNAPPROVED PROGRAMS**

Sam Stockton, PT, led a discussion regarding process and worksheet changes for the review of applications from graduates of unapproved educational programs. Staff will make the discussed changes to the application review worksheets, including the addition of test scores and license information.

### **4. QUESTIONS REGARDING GRADUATES OF APPROVED PT PROGRAMS WORKING AS PT ASSISTANTS**

The Board will discussed questions and issues raised by Chris Larson, PT, of the Federation, concerning whether a graduate from an approved PT program is only eligible to work under an interim permit, or whether that graduate can work as a PT assistant under Washington law.

The Board recognizes that there are issues in this area and rules are pending to address the issue regarding the definition of PTAs. The Board also recognizes that new

graduates are as trained or more trained as practicing PTAs, but the "graduate supervision" level is set in statute by the Legislature. This supervision is "on the premises" as opposed to "direct supervision". PTAs and Graduate PTs are given different levels of responsibility, requiring different levels of supervision. Once the new rules are adopted, there will no longer be two options for graduate therapists; they will only be able to work under an interim permit.

At this time it is the Board's position that eligibility to sit for the licensure examination is determined by the qualifications listed under RCW 18.74.030.

## **5. OPTIONS FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS RETURNING TO PRACTICE**

The Board discussed suggestions regarding clinical experience for physical therapists returning to practice. Chuck Martin, PT, and Shawn Quigley, PT, researched this issue and the Board determined to leave the rules as they stand at this time. There does not appear to be a way to alter this in a way that is equitable to all licensees. This issue will remain an ongoing topic for discussion.

## **6. PRESENTATION PLANNING**

The Board discussed plans for the panel presentation to be given by the Board and others at the PTWA Association Spring Conference. Items to be included in the presentation are rules changes, a modified version of the presentation given to PT students, Board responsibilities, and national issues.

## **7. OPERATING AGREEMENT**

The Board reviewed and discussed the current operating agreement between the Secretary of the Department of Health and Boards and Commissions.

MOTION: Remain under the current operating agreement.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

## **8. MONITORING OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS WHO'S LICENSES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED**

Ms. Hamilton provided information to the Board information concerning the process of monitoring physical therapists that have had disciplinary action taken against their licenses.

## **9. LETTER FROM ED DEAL, PT**

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter from Mr. Deal requesting information regarding foot care for patients. After discussing the letter the Board determined that the issue should be forwarded to the AAG Board Advisor for response.

## **10. PROGRAM REPORT**

### **10.1 DOH Information Update**

Ms. Hamilton provided information to the Board concerning the upcoming move of DOH staff offices, as well as the large number of retirements that have occurred in Health Professions Section Three.

10.2 Legislation Update

Ms. Hamilton discussed the issues paper from PTWA, and asked the Board to provide any information they receive regarding pending legislation that will impact the physical therapy practice act.

10.3 Rules Update

Ms. Waidely provided an update to the Board concerning the status of pending rules. The Department has contracted a specialist to prepare the required Small Business Economic Impact Statements and Cost/Benefit Analyses. This will help considerably in moving the rules to the CR102 stage.

10.4 Planning for Upcoming Meetings

APRIL - set aside time to finalize proposed rules.

10.5 FSBPT Spring Education Meeting

Chuck Martin, PT, will be attending in the slot funded by FSBPT. Shawn Quigley will be sent by Board if she is available to attend.

10.6 Provided for the Board's Information Without Discussion

- November 2002 Budget status report (most current)
- FSBPT Letter regarding status of Database Task Force
- FSBPT December 2002 News Brief

***CLOSED SESSION***

**11. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS**

- Applicant A: Application denied pending completion of course work in cardiopulmonary assessment, geriatrics, and wound care, as well as two (2) semester credits in social sciences.
- Applicant B: Application denied pending completion of course work in cardiopulmonary assessment, geriatrics, wound care, and pharmacology.
- Applicant C: Application denied pending completion of course work in pharmacology, geriatrics, and wound care.
- Applicant D: Application denied pending completion of course work in pharmacology, geriatrics, wound care, and cardiopulmonary assessment.
- Applicant E: Application denied pending completion of course work in wound care.

- Applicant F: Application denied pending completion of course work in cardiopulmonary assessment, pharmacology, geriatrics, and wound care.
- Applicant G: Application denied pending completion of five (5) additional course work hours in wound care, completion of course work in pharmacology, nine (9) general education credits in humanities, and nine (9) general education credits in social sciences.

## **12. DISCIPLINARY CASE REVIEWS**

- Case No. 2002-04-0001PT  
ACTION: Closed (after investigation). Below threshold, isolated incident involving minimal risk.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Signature on file

Kristin Hamilton  
Program Manager

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Signature on file

Sam Stockton, PT, Chair  
Board of Physical Therapy